

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified application.

**Listing of Claims**

1.- 20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

~~a plurality of~~ first and second client computers comprising first and second operating systems, respectively, and first and second thin client user interfaces, respectively, wherein the first operating system is a Unix based operating system, and wherein the second operating system is a non-Unix based operating system;

a server computer comprising a memory storing an object manager, wherein the object manager is in data communication with a plurality of business objects, each business object of the plurality of business objects containing logic, wherein the object manager is configured to control and monitor the business objects, such that the object manager handles requests to access the business objects from the client computers;

wherein the first and second client computer systems of the plurality of client computers [is] are configured to transmit ~~[[a]] first and second requests request and a second request,~~ respectively, to the server, wherein the first and second requests comprise first and second data, respectively, entered into the first and second computer systems, respectively, via the first and second thin client user interfaces, respectively;

wherein the first and second requests are processed in accordance with first and second business objects, respectively, of the plurality of business objects;

wherein the object manager is configured to receive first and second results of processing the first and second requests, respectively, in accordance with the first and second business objects, respectively;

wherein the object manager is configured to forward the first and second results to the first and second computers, respectively;

~~wherein the first business object comprises a sales business object, and;  
wherein the second business object comprises a customer service business object.~~

22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the object manager is a multi-tasking, multi-thread process.

23. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the first ~~client computer~~ thin client user interface comprises an ActiveX thin client user interface.

24. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 23 wherein second ~~client computer~~ thin client user interfaces comprises a JAVA thin client user interface.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:  
an object manager receiving first and second requests from first and second client computer systems, respectively, wherein the first client computer system comprises a Unix based operating system, and wherein the second computer system comprises a non-Unix based operating system, wherein the object manager is in data communication with a plurality of business objects, each business object containing distinct business logic, wherein the object manager is configured to control and monitor the business objects; and  
when the first and second requests ~~to access first and second business objects of the plurality of business objects is~~ are received by the object manager from the first and second client computers, respectively;  
processing the first and second requests in accordance with business logic of the first and second business objects, respectively;

returning to the object manager first and second results of processing the first and second requests, respectively, in accordance with business logic of the first and second business objects, respectively;  
the object manager forwarding the first and second results to the first and second client computers, respectively.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 wherein the request from the first client computer is encrypted.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 further comprising authenticating the first and second requests prior to processing the first and second requests.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 wherein the first business object is a sales business object.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31 wherein the second business object is a customer service business object.

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 wherein the first client computer comprises an ActiveX thin client user interface through which data of the first request is entered.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34 wherein the second client computer comprises a JAVA thin client user interface through which data of the second request is entered.